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**In re Application of:  
Chesser, et al.**

**Serial No.: 08/869,109**

**Filed: June 4, 1997**

**For: Controlled Hydration of Starch §**  
**in High Density Brine Dispersion §**

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**Group Art Unit: 1774**

**Examiner: C. H. Kelly**

**Atty. Docket: B154-9245C-US**

## Amendment

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This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed October 6, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.